

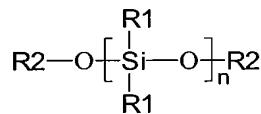
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Ambient temperature curable coating composition comprising

- a branched alkoxy-functional polysiloxane having the formula



wherein each R1 is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, and alkoxy groups having up to six carbon atoms, and OSi(OR₃)₃ groups, wherein each R3 independently has the same meaning as R1, each R2 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl and aryl groups having up to six carbon atoms, and wherein n is selected such that the molecular weight of the polysiloxanes is in the range of from 200 to about 5,000,

- a an amino-functional catalyst,
- an acrylic polymer which is substantially free of functional groups that can react with the polysiloxane or with the catalyst in the coating composition, wherein said coating composition comprises more than 60% by weight solids.

2. (Original) Coating composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the acrylic polymer is obtained by polymerisation in the polysiloxane.
3. (Previously Presented) Coating composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the polysiloxane is an alkoxy-silyl-functional polysiloxane.
4. (Canceled).
5. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim [[4]] 1, characterised in that the catalyst is an aminosilane.
6. (Previously Presented) Coating composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.
7. (Previously Presented) Coating composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.
8. (Original) Coating composition according to claim 7, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the

olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

9. (Currently Amended) A process for applying a protective coating, the process comprising applying the Use of a coating composition according to claim 1 to a surface as a protective coating.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for coating, the process comprising applying the Use of a coating composition according to claim 1 for the coating at ambient temperature of to a large structure[[s]] selected from the group consisting of a such as ship[[s]], a bridge[[s]], a building[[s]], an industrial plant[[s]], or and an oil rig[[s]].

11. (New) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the polysiloxane is an alkoxy-silyl-functional polysiloxane.

12. (New) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the catalyst is an aminosilane.

13. (New) Coating composition according to claim 3, characterised in that the catalyst is an aminosilane.

14. (New) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

15.(New) Coating composition according to claim 3, characterised in that the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

16.(New) Coating composition according to claim 5, characterised in that the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

17.(New) Coating composition according to claim 3, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

18.(New) Coating composition according to claim 5, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

19.(New) Coating composition according to claim 6, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the

polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

20. (New) Coating composition according to claim 17, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

21. (New) Coating composition according to claim 18, characterised in that the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.